

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
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AUTHORIZING A MODIFICATION) Administrative Order
OF COURT RULES DURING A) No. 2020 - 59
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY)
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Due to concern for the spread of COVID-19 in the general population, the Governor of the State of Arizona has declared a statewide emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303 and in accordance with A.R.S. § 26-301(15). Cooperation by the Judicial Branch of government being essential to reducing the risks associated with this public health emergency.

The Arizona Judicial Branch remains open to serve the public. Nevertheless, given the current emergency, and in the interest of protecting the public, certain limitations and changes in the rules regarding certain notarial requirements and temporary child support order modifications are necessary.

Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3 and 5, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that Courts may accept for filing any of the documents identified under Rule 14(a) Rules of Family Law Procedure without notarization if they are accompanied by a photocopy of the filer's driver license or other government-issued identification card. The applicant may redact a protected address from driver's license or other government-issued identification card.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Courts may accept for filing a motion to temporarily modify parenting time or child support under Rules 47 and 48, Rules of Family Law Procedure without an underlying petition if the basis for temporary relief is related primarily to COVID-19.

Dated this 3rd day of April, 2020.

ROBERT BRUTINEL
Chief Justice